

A REPORT OF MEETINGS
OF THE
South Conference
OF THE
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF
LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
HELD IN THEIR
LARGE ROOM,
No. 34, THOMAS STREET,
BRISTOL,
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 6th & 7th of December,
1851.

ELDER GEORGE HALLDAY, President,
ELDER HENRY FULSTON, Secretary.

BRISTOL.

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REPORT.

Meetings of the South Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints took place on Saturday Evening, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7, 1851, in their Large Meeting Room, 34, Thomas Street, Bristol, under the Presidency of Elder GEORGE HALLIDAY.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 6.

The Meeting was called to order by Elder JOSEPH MANNING ; prayer by Elder A. MARCHANT.

Moved by Elder JOSEPH MANNING, seconded by Elder A. MARCHANT, and carried unanimously, that Elder GEORGE HALLIDAY preside over the proceedings of this Conference.

President HALLIDAY rose and said, I am pleased to meet you, my brethren, on the present occasion in the capacity of a Conference, believing our meeting together will be a blessing to all, and by our united wisdom, we shall adopt such means as shall forward the work of God in this region of country. I want all the brethren to speak freely upon all things that may come before this Conference, so that a spirit of freedom, liberality, and unity may characterise all our movements. I want as much of the business done to night as possible, so that to-morrow we may have more time at our disposal to give and receive instructions. I shall defer making further remarks until they are required. The Secretary then read the representations of the state of the Conference. [See page 10.]

The President called on the General Treasurer of the Perpetual Emigration Fund to read his Balance sheet, which was as follows :—

ACCOUNT OF THE PERPETUAL EMIGRATION FUND,

In the South Conference, from June 9, 1851, to Dec. 6, 1851.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Bristol		2	15 11½	Remitted to Liverpool..		7	18 8
Trowbridge		0	8 2½	Balance in hand		4	14 10½
Sherborne		0	9 10½				
Ashton		0	11 2½				
West Lavington		0	5 0				
Fenizance		0	3 0				
Warminster		1	17 5				
South Molton		0	8 4				
Charlcott		0	14 3				
Bruton		0	4 5½				
Downhead		0	2 3				
			7 19 11½				
Balance last Conference		4	13 7				
		£12	13 6½			£12	13 6½

The General Book Agent's Account was then called for, and read as follows:—

BALANCE SHEET OF THE GENERAL BOOK AGENT,

For the South Conference to December 1st, 1851.

	£	s.	d.
Due to the Office in Liverpool	123	5	10
Value of Stock in the hands of the General Agent	19	18	5
Amount due from Sub-Agents.. .. .	106	5	7
Cash in hand	6	11	7½
	£123	15	7½

ACCOUNT WITH THE SUB-AGENTS.

DUE FROM SUB-AGENTS TO THE GENERAL AGENT.

	£	s.	d.
Bristol, J. Alexander..	9	3	9
Bridgwater, E. Hanham	2	1	1½
Devizes, J. Tames ..	10	4	7½
Trowbridge, E. White..	6	13	11½
Sherborne, J. Hart ..	4	19	5½
South Molton, J. Griffen	3	12	5
Warminster, M. Weight	4	7	3
Bath, A. Marchant ..	21	18	8
Cornwall, J. Chislett ..	1	12	0
Bridport, E. Frost ..	3	9	11½
Wales, J. Mead ..	0	5	0
* John Hackwell ..	37	17	4½
	£106	5	7

VALUE OF STOCK IN THE SUB-AGENTS' HANDS.

	£	s.	d.
Stock in hand	6	5	0½
Ditto	1	16	4
Ditto	7	0	0
Ditto	4	19	0
Ditto	3	2	4
Ditto	3	10	8
Ditto	4	7	3
Ditto	13	9	10
	£44	10	5

* John Hackwell has been out off the Church, and has absconded leaving the above debt unpaid.

Moved and carried, "That this Conference expresses its satisfaction with the accounts of Elder Mills, as its late General Book Agent."

Moved and carried, "that Elder MILLS having been appointed to preside over the Land's End Conference, Elder HANHAM succeed him in the General Book Agency."

Elder HANHAM wished to make a few remarks in relation to the *Milennial Star*. He said this Conference ordered 1,000 *Stars* every fortnight, and there were hundreds of them left dead stock on hand every parcel received, which contracted a large debt at the office; he wished something to be done to increase their sale, and, after some deliberation, it was

Moved and carried, "That every branch that did not order *Stars* in proportion to its number should pay 2d. each for them, and those which ordered in proportion to their numbers should receive them at the usual price, one penny each.

President HALLIDAY called for volunteers to go out in the ministry, when the following brethren tendered their services for that purpose:—John Gardiner, Robert Gregory, Jacob West, and George Kemp.

The Presidency of the Bath branch having become vacant by the appointment of Elder Marchant to the Presidency of the Birmingham Conference, it

was moved and carried, "That Elder Hanham take the Presidency of the said branch."

Moved by Elder J. GRIFFEN, seconded by Elder HANHAM, and carried, "That Kentisbury be organised a branch, and be known as the 'Kentisbury Branch,' under the presidency of Wm. Larwell."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by Elder TAMES, and carried, "That Marshfield branch be placed under the presidency of Elder Hanham, of Bath."

Moved by Elder M. WRIGHT, seconded by Elder E. GRIFFEN, "That the saints at Brewham be united to the Upton Noble branch."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by ABEL HALLIDAY, and carried, "That the Pili branch be united to the Bristol branch."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by Elder A. WRIGHT, and carried, "That John Gardiner be ordained an Elder, and take the presidency of the Bridgwater and North Newton branches."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by Elder G. DUNFORD, and carried, "That George Kemp be ordained an Elder, and preside over the Banwell branch."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by NATHAN GRIFFEN, and carried, "That Robert Gregory travel in the vicinity of Marlborough, under the presidency of Nathan Griffen."

Moved by President HALLIDAY, seconded by Elder TAMES, and carried, "That Jacob West be ordained an Elder, and travel in the vicinity of West Lavington, under the presidency of Elder Tames."

President HALLIDAY said, he wished to speak of the money voted for various expenses at past Conferences. A great deal had been raised under the head "Conference Expenses," and some of the saints had really thought it was all spent in eating, drinking, &c., by the Elders at Conference, instead of which it had been given for Missionary purposes, to travelling Elders, and used for other purposes also; but, for the future, he directed that all such money should be collected and booked expressly for the purposes for which it was used. It was then

Moved and carried, "That this meeting be adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning."

The meeting was closed by prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING, Dec. 7.

The Meeting was called to order precisely at ten o'clock by Elder MARTIN WRIGHT, and opened by singing and prayer.

President HALLIDAY said, he was happy to meet the brethren that morning, and, as a few resolutions yet remained to be put to the Conference, he should proceed at once to do so, that more time might be commanded to impart instruction. It was accordingly unanimously

Resolved:—That we sustain Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Willard Richards, as the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world."

Resolved:—"That we sustain Orson Hyde, as President, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards as the Twelve Apostles of the Church, and the special witnesses of God to all the world."

Resolved:—"That we sustain Elder Franklin D. Richards as President of the Church in the British Isles, with Elders Levi Richards and G. B. Wallace, as his Counsellors."

Resolved:—"That we sustain Elder George Halliday as President of this Conference."

Resolved : — " That we sustain all the Presidents of branches and travelling Elders in this Conference, as they are at present situated."

President HALLIDAY rose and said—" I wish to give some counsel to the travelling elders. Brethren, we are sent out to labour for God and not for ourselves. The object of travelling elders should not be just to get a living, you being sent as the ambassadors of the Lord to reconcile the world unto Him. You have not only the word but the ministry of reconciliation committed unto you. Various are the capacities in which you have to act as elders, and not one is more conspicuous than that which the prophet Isaiah has figuratively termed 'fishers,' for you are sent to 'fish' for the scattered sons of Abraham. It is not enough for elders to travel from place to place and hold meetings once or twice a week, and visit the saints' houses, and then think they have done all their duty, for that is only part of their work. All the elders are happy when they can catch some good 'fish' in the gospel net, but you should bear in mind there are more ways of catching 'fish' than by nets, although nets are good enough where there is plenty of water and room, like unto large cities, there you can freely cast your nets ; but when you 'fish' in smaller streams, where there are stones and stowels, as small towns and villages, your nets would be broken by obstacles, such as Church parsons, and the 'fish' would get away and be lost—there you can 'fish' with a rod and a line. There is another way of catching 'fish,' which is not so common, yet equally as certain, that is, in small streams, where you can neither cast nets nor use the rod and line, there you can get into the streams, grope for them, and catch them with your hands. Just so in the small country places ; the elders cannot make much stir amongst them, neither can they get many to attend their meetings, because the people are afraid of being seen coming to a Latter-day Saints' meeting, lest they should be observed by their master or the minister, and lose their work in consequence. In such cases as these, what can the elders do ? This is what I want them to do, get up in the morning, take their breakfasts, then carry the bible in their hands, the Holy Ghost in their hearts, and their pockets full of tracts, and go from house to house and read and talk to the people. Although you may be insulted at some houses you will be gladly received at others, and, in this way, you will bring more into the Church in one year than others would in five years, by letting the people stay until they come to them. Perhaps some of the elders think this plan is like that of the sectarian scripture readers—so it is, I admire it, and shall keep one or two constantly employed as Latter-day Saints' scripture readers in the city of Bristol, and I anticipate great good being the result of their labours. Brethren, I hold every travelling elder responsible for his attention to this plan ; each of those who does not visit the people in his district I shall consider guilty of neglect of duty, for I know there are thousands in the country who would be glad to obey the gospel if they could only hear it as you can tell it them. They are afraid to come to you for fear of being seen, but, if you go to them, they will obey the gospel, and when they have received the Holy Ghost they will confess the truth before all men, and not be afraid. I am pleased to see what has been done in the last six months, but I don't see why six times more cannot be done during the next six months ; let not the elders waste their time in waiting for the people to come to them, but go and ' hunt them up from every hole and corner.' Let no time be lost, for God holds you responsible for the way in which you use it. Brethren, feel alive to this great work and to your own interests, and if you can do as much in one year according to this plan as others, who neglect it, can in five, do it, not waste four years for nothing, which might be employed to your advancement in a better way, as we have plenty of opportunities of being useful. I wish twenty more

young men would offer to go out into the ministry ; I could find room for them. I must say I never saw this Conference in a more prosperous condition than it is in at the present time ; the priesthood are united, and the work is prospering in every place. Another thing I can say of this Conference, which cannot be said of any other in England, that every one who is labouring in the ministry has been baptized in it ; thus, you see, although we are in number the fifth Conference in England, yet what is done is through the native talent of your own home-made elders. This is not all, for it seems President Richards not only wants us to keep the Conference moving with our own elders, but to supply other Conferences with preachers. We sent two to Norwich and two to Carlisle, but that was not enough, we must send away three more men as presidents of Conferences—one to Dorsetshire, another to Land's End, and another to Birmingham ; so we are now become a nursery for travelling elders and presidents of Conferences. I say God bless those who are gone and we who remain, that we may all gather our thousands to Zion, to enjoy eternal life with us and for ever rejoice in the 'fulness of the blessings of the gospel of peace.' The Presidency is sending elders to almost every other Conference but this, so that we must do the best we can with the help we can raise at home. There are between 100 and 200 preachers in this Conference, and, as I before observed, every one, from the President to the last ordained, was baptized in it ; still, I hope there are some in reserve for us—this, I know, all is right. I want the brethren to push about the *Stars* and other books. If there are not more *Stars* sold next year than there have been this they must be sold at twopence each, according to the motion made last evening. I want you, also, to remember the Emigration Fund. I am really ashamed of what has been subscribed to it by this Conference, and I do hope the saints will be kept alive to it. I now want to be understood by all the priesthood. Brethren, when a joint of meat is sent to table, the seasoning is, generally, most noticed ; so that if the joint be ever so good and the seasoning be bad it makes the whole objectionable ; but, if the joint is not the best, and the seasoning is good, it is palatably received. It is just the same in preaching the gospel ; you should be careful of the kind of seasoning you give it. There are a variety of ways of preaching, but you should try to choose the best. Every man has an object in view (or ought to) when he preaches, and that object is conspicuous throughout his discourse ; this, with his manner, is what I call the seasoning. Some men preach only because they are appointed ; they get up and tell their tale as a schoolboy would say his lesson ; all he wants it to get through it and occupy the time ; although what he says may be all true, yet it is so dry and husky that no one can relish it, and all the people go away either half asleep or starved, not being able to get it down. There are other men quite different from these, who are proud to get up to speak, for they can do it, and they want to make folks hear that they can do it, their object being to show what Mormons can do and say—thus they season their discourses ; but what with ? great swelling words, arrogance, and pomposity. It is seasoned so strongly that no one can enjoy it, but all go away disgusted with the manner of the man, and sometimes with the doctrine because of it. There is another class of men who are very zealous in this work, and always try to vindicate it from the slanderous reports of our enemies ; they never get up to preach without praising Mormonism, and defending it with all the zeal of enthusiasm, and, in doing so, they tear all others to pieces ; they season their discourses with sarcasm and vindictiveness. All such men send away their congregations without making any converts, every one looking at the seasoning of their discourses, instead of the substance. Hence, this is the object I want all to have when they preach :—first, preach that truth which you know ; secondly,

TRY to make the people believe it. You have not only to preach, but to TRY to make the folks believe what you preach; and, if this were your object, you would season your discourses with love, reason, persuasion, and entreaty, and the people would be constrained to love you if they do not your doctrines, and when you have gained the love of a person they are two-thirds converted, and, by a little perseverance, you will soon have to baptise them. If you, brethren, will observe this course, you will meet with more success, and will not receive so much persecution; the people will, at least, say they think you are good, sincere men, and that will go a great way in getting you influence with others, for the people look at the spirit of the preacher either as much or more than at his doctrine. Therefore, when you preach you must try to make the people feel that you feel you are preaching the truth, and they will receive your message. And if all the brethren will do this, the next six months will tell a tale of success which will rejoice all our hearts, and ring like a funeral knell in the ears of the heralds of darkness."

The meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was called to order at half-past two o'clock by Elder JOSEPH MANNING, and opened by singing and prayer.

President HALLIDAY called on the travelling elders to report on the prospects and condition of the fields of labour under their control; he wished them to be as brief as possible in making their remarks.

Elder NATHAN GRIFFEN, from Burbage, said, "We are very prosperous, and a great work will be done in that part of the country." Elder Griffen gave some amusing examples of the way in which he had defeated the efforts of ministers of religion to injure the work.

Elder TAMES, from Devizes, said the work was flourishing in his vicinity, and there was every prospect of its being more so. It had received some opposition at Devizes, but he was confident the cause would get through it, despite every effort of the agents of evil.

Elder WILSON, from Frome, said, "By the united efforts of the brethren with whom I labour, 36 persons have been baptized since the last Conference, and I believe in the ensuing six months we shall spread abroad, and more than this will be done. Baptisms have taken place, with one exception, in all the branches which I represent."

Elder HAAT, from Sherborne, said, "We have cheering prospects before us. The work advances day by day, and hardly one passes without a baptism. I feel to go a-head from to-day more than ever."

Elder JESSE GRIFFEN, from South Malton, said, "The saints all feel diligent and desirous to extend the work of God. Elder Butt had good prospects at Barnstaple, although our Christian friends (?) try to hunt him from preaching the word, but the Lord acknowledges his labours by healing the saints and adding to their numbers. The position of the church in that region is better than ever it was before."

President HALLIDAY said no more time could now be devoted to the reports of the travelling or presiding elders. They had Elder Church with them, from the Great Salt Lake Valley, who had been one of the famous Mormon battalion, enlisted during the distresses of the saints in the wilderness, for the purpose of assisting in the Mexican war. Many of the saints were, no doubt, desirous of hearing him, and he would probably speak a little on the subject.

Elder CHURCH then rose to address the meeting. He said he was thankful that he had the privilege of meeting in Conference that day, and rejoiced in the instructions he had heard; and, after a few further preliminary remarks on the subject of his baptism, his call to the priesthood, and mission to the

United States, continued—The saints in the land of America have suffered persecutions, anything like which those in England have not been called to pass through. I do not suppose I can describe to you the extent of the persecutions and difficulties we have had to undergo, our language being so imperfect. But, notwithstanding, we have been called to pass through these scenes of affliction, the hand of the Great Jehovah has been made bare in our behalf, the power of the Adversary has been countermanded, and we, the servants of the Lord, have been upheld by his Almighty power. Though the powers of darkness have been arrayed against us, and have striven with all their might to effect our overthrow, yet they have never been able to accomplish their purpose, for this great work has been rolling on and will continue to until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people has heard the gospel. The Adversary of God, when the saints were settled down in Nauvoo, (having been previously driven from Missouri into Hancock county, Illinois,) living peaceably, cultivating the earth, working righteousness, and serving God according to the dictates of their own consciences, did not think proper to allow this to continue uninterruptedly. Our enemies were again arrayed against us, they strove to deprive us of our rights, and never rested satisfied until we were driven from our homes, our city, into the wilderness. When driven out upon the frontiers, amongst the savages of that region, by those who should have been our protectors and friends, a call was made upon us for 500 able men, the very power of our people, to leave our families and our friends, almost destitute and unprotected upon the prairie wilds, with nothing, save the canopy of heaven, for a covering, to go amongst the Mexicans to fight the battles of our country. It seems that this was designed to prove whether we were loyal subjects or not. Such a call, under the trials of our circumstances, it seemed impossible to fulfil; yet the servants of God, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, could see through the machinations of the Government in the matter, and understood, as soon as the call was made, that it was essential to the salvation of the saints that the number should be forthcoming. I had the honour of being one of that company, and now rejoice that I had courage and fortitude enough to enlist, as I had it in my power to refuse if I had felt disposed; but the Great Jehovah had blessed me in days past and gone, and I had seen my way had been miraculously opened before me. He had now opened another opportunity for me to do good, and when an opportunity presents itself that is the time to step forward to render assistance to the cause. We marched forth into a strange and uncultivated country, the manners and customs of whose inhabitants we were entirely ignorant of. We suffered from the many privations which we had to encounter, but, notwithstanding these disadvantages, we accomplished the design desired; the mouths of our enemies were closed, and they themselves acknowledged we had done that which no other people in the same circumstances would have done. Neither the government nor our enemies designed any good towards us when they made the call for the 500 men who formed the Mormon battalion at the time of the approach of the most trying of our trials, as we have since understood that they contemplated in Congress, provided the number was not made up at the time, to call out the militia of Missouri and cut us off, men, women, and children. I saw the hand/work of God made use of in behalf of the battalion whilst travelling through a hostile Spanish country, though there was not as much union amongst them as we wished; but through the goodness of God we were enabled to effect the purpose for which we were sent. The Lord says he will have a tried people, and I think America is the best place to try people to the quick I ever knew in my life, but, through his goodness, we are enabled to overcome all things. I rejoice greatly in the work of the Lord, and I am determined, by His assistance, to roll it forth among the nations of the earth. I am per-

suailed that the work of God is the best speculation a man can be engaged in, for to be in the line of his duty is the best position of man. I feel thankful that I am in your midst and enjoy your society, and I am glad to hear the determinations of my brethren around, and feel that the work will be extended and continue to grow with greater celerity and power than ever it has before. My prayer is that you may be endowed with every needful blessing, and be received with an eternal salvation in the kingdom of Jesus. Amen.

Elder MARCHANT, although the meeting had been rather unusually prolonged, pressed to be allowed to say a few words. He said, "Brethren and sisters I feel exceedingly glad that I have the privilege of being with you throughout the proceedings of this Conference, as it is good for brethren to assemble together, especially on occasions like the present. I rejoice, as one of yourselves, in the instructions which have been given by President Halliday, and, although I am going away from you, I shall always feel a claim on myself as one of those who were born and reared in the South Conference. I feel greatly the responsibility which rests upon me, and hope you will remember me when you pray. Our beloved President is going to remain in England twelve months longer; he has been in the Church a considerable portion of time, and I should be glad, as I am going to separate from him, if he would allow me the privilege of writing sometimes to receive his counsel. I can say like one of old, 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped me.' That we may be gathered to the mountains of Israel, and there partake of the fruits of our 'own vines and fig-trees, none daring to make us afraid,' is my prayer. Amen."

The meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Meetings of the Conference were held this evening at 34, Thomas-street and at Broad-street chapel. In the former, a lecture was delivered on the "Actual appearance of an Angel of God to Joseph Smith," by President Halliday; and, in the latter a lecture, on the "Priesthood of Christ and his Apostles. Who has it? the Catholics, the Protestants, or the Latter-day Saints," by Elder Joseph Manning. Both lectures were well attended by respectable and attentive audiences.

Collections for the purpose of assisting in defraying the expenses of the Conference were made at the close of each meeting.

In accordance with a vote passed this evening, the Minutes of the Conference were ordered to be printed.

The Church, in all parts of the Conference, assumes a pleasing, prosperous aspect. It has met with much opposition, directly and indirectly, at public meetings, churches, chapels, in the newspapers, and by handbills, which, for want of a better weapon, often indulge with the utmost freedom in the use of the vilest slander, as if it were the favoured and the native element of each. Its name and efforts seem to locally cause as much opposition as the encroachments of the Catholics, in fact, its progress is viewed with continued alarm; they have termed it a "GRANT evil," and demand a crusade against the Mormons equally as powerful as that employed against the Catholics, for they declare the energy of all the Mormons seems combined to spread their "pernicious doctrines"—"women introduce it in their neighbourly conversations, and men infect their fellow labourers with it." We are not the sole witnesses of our strength, for our enemies loudly proclaim its successful operations; they feel their weakness in the combat, and loudly clamour for help while they see themselves being overthrown. Bristol, Bath, Bathage, &c., &c., &c., have been the seats of scenes of jealousy and warfare between the rising power of the Church and the decrepid system of darkness; but it has only furthered our interests, and when our enemies imagine our defeat they suddenly awake to a knowledge of our unceasing success.

The Representations from June 3, 1851, to December 6, 1851.

No. of Branches.	Names of Branches.	By whom Represented.	Representations								Total Number of Members.	Number of Stars taken for 1851.	Number of Stars wanted for 1852.
			Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Removed by Letter.	Cut off.			
1	Bristol	Jos. Manning	9	21	20	13	44	10	14	16	2	428	336
2	Bath	Ah. Marchant	8	6	5	5	10	2	4	2		130	175
3	Trowbridge	Eli White....	4	7	5	7	12	4	8	3	1	96	100
4	Staple Ashton ..	Geo. Dunford	2	4	4	2	1	1	2			52	40
5	Barbage	Nathan Griffin	1	6	3	3	16		6	8	1	87	30
6	South Melton ..	Jesse Griffin	2	4	3	3	4	1	1	3		75	50
7	Wincanton	Barnett Giles	1	3	2	2	24		1	2		55	11
8	Sherborne.....	John Hart ..	2	1	1	3	4	2	16			32	30
9	Sturton Candle..	Ditto		2	1	1	16	14		1		30	20
10	Charlcott	John Tames..	2	2	2	1	4			2		27	39
11	West Lavington	Ditto		1	2	1	4					21	11
12	Rasterton	Ditto		2	1	1					1	18	6
13	Chilverel	Ditto		1	1	1	1			4		16	15
14	Devizes	Ditto	1		1		5	9	1			13	9
15	Marshfield	Ditto	1	1			3	1				9	3
16	Bruton	Martin Weight	1						6	2		20	4
17	Downhead	Ditto	1	3			2	1				14	28
18	Wminster	Ditto		1			3	1	1			12	13
19	Upton Noble ..	Ditto	1		1		3					17	9
20	Frome	Ditto	2			1	1					11	4
21	Chalford	Ditto		2			1					9	7
22	Pill	Richard Rawle	1	1	1		1					11	6
23	Melksham	Geo. Chandler	1	2	1	1	7		1	4		12	6
24	North Newton ..	Edwd Hanham		4	2					10		22	10
25	Bridgwater	Ditto	1	2		1	3	3		2		18	10
26	Banwell	Ditto			1				1	2		10	3
	Saints in Cornwall	Saml. Francis	2	1	1		7					12	12
		Total ..	43	77	58	46	176	49	62	61	5	1257	895

Amount Paid from January 1st, 1851, to December 1st, 1851, and the Amount now due.

No.	Names of Branches.	Paid for Rent of Chapels, Sarcophagi, Light, &c.	Ditto to Emigra- tion Fund.	Ditto for Mis- sionary purposes.	Ditto for sup- port of Travelling Elders.	Ditto for Clothes to Travelling Elders.	Ditto to Presi- dent Halliday for Travelling Ex- penses.	Ditto for sup- porting President Halliday's family.	Ditto to Con- science and other Expenses.	Ditto to the Poor	Total for every- thing.	Amount owing by each Branch for Rent, &c.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Bristol ...	50 3 1 ¹ / ₂	4 13 1 ¹ / ₂	5 11 9	3 3 1 ¹ / ₂	6 13 1 ¹ / ₂	2 3 0	25 16 11	5 18 0	4 19 10 ¹ / ₂	112 13 0	6 0 0
2	Bath ...	27 15 0	1 4 0	2 2 0	5 15 7	4 13 6	1 15 0	1 6 10	2 17 8	1 3 2	49 18 11 ¹ / ₂	22 5 3
3	Trowbridge ...	17 3 3	0 6 3 ¹ / ₂	1 4 10	15 18 3 ¹ / ₂	5 16 6	3 4 3	1 1 8	2 0 0	0 19 7 ¹ / ₂	50 11 2	
4	Staple Ashton ...	3 5 3 ¹ / ₂		2 5 1 ¹ / ₂	7 15 0	3 10 6	0 9 1	0 16 4	3 3 10 ¹ / ₂	0 11 0	21 16 10 ¹ / ₂	
5	Barbours ...	4 13 3	0 7 6		0 14 5	1 0 6	0 12 6	0 4 7	1 15 0	1 0 6	11 5 3	1 12 0
6	South Molton ...	6 11 7	0 18 4	0 4 0	3 15 6	1 13 9	1 0 0	0 4 0	2 0 0		16 7 3	6 4 0
7	Wincenton ...	2 4 6		0 2 0	0 7 0	1 12 0	0 5 0	0 2 6	0 18 3		5 11 3	0 6 0
8	Sherborne ...	4 12 5	0 8 3	1 8 10 ¹ / ₂	2 7 9	1 2 6 ¹ / ₂	1 2 3	0 1 0	0 4 0		18 7 1	1 0 0
9	Stanton Candle ...	0 18 0		1 12 6	6 19 0	6 5 6	6 10 0	0 0 9 ¹ / ₂	0 5 0		4 10 9 ¹ / ₂	0 5 0
10	Charlcott ...	0 9 10	0 14 3	0 7 6	1 0 0	0 9 0	0 7 8	0 7 8	0 7 4 ¹ / ₂		4 3 11 ¹ / ₂	
11	West Lavington ...		0 1 4	0 5 0	1 0 0	0 11 0		0 4 0	0 10 0		2 11 4	
12	Easterton ...		0 2 0	0 4 0	0 5 0	0 3 0		0 1 2	0 5 0		1 6 3	
13	Chilverd ...		0 2 0	0 5 6	0 10 6	0 4 0		0 5 0	0 18 0		2 5 0	
14	Devizes ...	1 3 0									1 3 0	
15	Marshfield ...	No Record kept										
16	Beuton ...	1 9 0	0 4 5		0 3 0	0 4 6			0 2 10 ¹ / ₂		2 2 9 ¹ / ₂	
17	Downhead ...		0 5 1	0 0 6	0 4 6	0 16 0			0 19 0		1 12 1	
18	Warminster ...		1 17 5	0 8 0	0 2 6	0 15 0		0 5 0	0 14 8		4 2 7	
19	Upton Noble ...		0 1 0	0 1 0	0 2 0	0 6 6			0 1 0		0 11 6	
20	Frome ...			0 0 6	0 5 0	0 7 0			0 1 0		0 13 6	
21	Chalford ...	1 1 9		0 0 6	0 2 0	0 4 0			0 1 0		1 9 3	
22	Pill ...	3 14 9								0 2 0	4 1 9	0 7 9
23	Melksham ...	0 10 6						0 1 10	0 5 0		0 12 4	
24	North Newton ...	2 0 0		1 9 0		0 4 0					3 13 0	0 2 6
25	Bridgewater ...	2 10 0	0 0 9	0 0 9	0 7 0						2 18 6	0 2 6
26	Barnwell ...	0 5 0			0 2 6						0 7 6	
	Saints in Cornwall		0 3 0		0 4 0						0 7 0	
	Total ...	130 10 4	11 13 8	16 4 4	53 13 10	30 15 9	10 9 9	30 19 3¹/₂	28 18 5¹/₂	10 2 3	324 15 10	38 5 0

Names, Situations, &c., of the Branches in the South Conference, December 6th, 1851, with the Address of each President.

No.	Name of Branch.	When Organised.	Name of County.	Place of Meeting.	Name of President.	Address of President.
1	Bristol	June 1, 1841	Bristol	Bread St. Chapel, and 24, Thomas St.	Joseph Manning	Bread Street Chapel, Broad Street
2	Bath	Sept. 18, 1842	Somersetshire	Helling House, Westgate Buildings	Edward Hanham	8, St. James's Street
3	Trowbridge	Feb. 18, 1844	Wiltshire	Middle Bank, Congreg.	Eli White	Timbrell Street
4	Staple Ashton	March 20, 1845	Wiltshire	At Mr. Rendon's	George Danford	Lower Studley, Trowbridge, Wilts
5	Barbage	Sept. 29, 1845	Wiltshire	Uphaven Chapel	Nathan Griffen	Isaac Smith's, Barbage, near Marl-
6	South Molton	March 30, 1849	Devonshire	A Room in the Churchyard	Jesse Griffen	West Street [brough
7	Wincenton	Sept. 29, 1850	Somersetshire	Higher Chapel	Barnett Giles	Bridge Street
8	Sherborne	October 29, 1849	Dorsetshire	Market Street	John Hart	At Mrs. Barnett's, Castleton,
9	Sturton Candle	June 8, 1851	Dorsetshire	New Chapel	Thomas Lemon	Henstrich [Sherborne
10	Charlcott	March 20, 1849	Wiltshire	Upper Charlcott	George Hatt	Charlcott
11	West Lavington	May 20, 1845	Wiltshire	At Mr. Hawkins's	Jacob West	At Mr. Hawkings', West Lavington
12	Easterton	May 23, 1846	Wiltshire	Easterton	John Miles	Easterton, near Devizes
13	Chiswell	Sept. 29, 1850	Wiltshire	At Mr. Dowding's	James Dowding	Great Chiswell, near Westbury
14	Devizes	June 8, 1851	Wiltshire	Back Street	John Tames	At Mr. Bull's, Tytherton, Wilts
15	Marshfield	Sept. 29, 1850	Gloucestershire	A House	Ditto	Ditto
16	Bruton	Feb. 11, 1849	Somersetshire	At Mr. Burch's	George Burch	Tanhouse Cottage
17	Downhead	May 20, 1845	Somersetshire	At Mr. Warr's	Justinian Warr	Soho, near Leigh-on-Mendip
18	Warminster	March 19, 1846	Wiltshire	A House	Martin Weight	Harton Street, Frome, Somerset
19	Frome	Sept. 29, 1850	Somersetshire	A House	Ditto	Ditto
20	Upton Noble	May 23, 1848	Somersetshire	At Mr. Rawlings's	James Rawlings	Upton Noble
21	Chalford	Sept. 29, 1850	Wiltshire	A House	David Mead	Chalford
22	Pill	October 29, 1849	Somersetshire	At Mr. Burge's, St. George's	Richard Earle	4, Anchor Lane, Bristol
23	North Newton	Sept. 29, 1850	Somersetshire	At Mrs. Godfrey's	John Gardiner	West Street, Bridgwater
24	Bridgwater	May 15, 1850	Somersetshire	Fryers Street	Ditto	Ditto
25	Banwell	Sept. 29, 1850	Somersetshire	At Mr. Rolfs	George Kemp	At Mr. Rolfs
26	Melksham	May 23, 1846	Wiltshire	At Mr. Chandler's	George Chandler	Melksham
	Saints in Cornwall	Not organised	Cornwall	Newbridge Chapel	Samuel Francis	Copper House, Hayle

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